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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: ELECTIONS

1. YUKSEL SOYLEMEZ, DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MFA, ASKED DCM TO CALL THIS MORNING MARCH 27. HE REFERRED TO RECENT ELECTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO SUBCOMMISSION ON MINORITIES. HE SAID TURKISH CANDIDACY HAD FAILED BY TWO VOTES. SOYLEMEZ SAID WITH SOME CHARGIN THAT "OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS IN EC-9" HAD VOTED EN BLOC AGAINST TURKEY. HE SAID TURKISH DELEGATION TO HRC HAD REPORTED "STRONG INDICATIONS" THAT US HAD VOTED FOR TURKEY IN SECRET BALLOT. SOYLEMEZ EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THIS.

2. SOYLEMEZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING GOT HAD DECIDED TO STAND FOR REELECTION TO THE HRC ITSELF. TURKS' PRESENT TERM ENDS AT THE END OF 1975. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UK WAS SEEKING REELECTION, THAT DENMARK HOPED TO REPLACE THE NETHERLANDS ON THE COMMISSION, TURKEY WAS SEEKING REELECTION, AND GREECE HAD RECENTLY BECOME A CANDIDATE. THIS MEANT THAT THERE WERE FOUR
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CANDIDATES FOR THREE SEATS.

3. SOYLEMEZ NOTED THAT CYPRUS IS ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE HRC AND THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD USED THE CYPURS DELEGATION IN ITS EFFORTS TO "POLITICIZE AND INTERNATIONALIZE" CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE HRC. GREECE WAS THUS ALREADY AMPLY REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION. WITH TURKEY'S HAVING FAILED TO OBTAIN ELECTION TO SUBCOMMISSION ON MINORITIES, GREECE'S REPLACING TURKEY ON THE MAIN HRC WOULD CREATE A SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE, ACCORDING TO SOYLEMEZ, "OUT OF BALANCE." HE REQUESTED THAT USG SUPPORT TURKEY'S CANDIDACY FOR REELECTION TO HRC. HE SAID ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT ECOSOC MEETING IN NEW YORK FROM APRIL 8 TO MAY 9.

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